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SUBJECT: RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND MOROCCO

1. SPANISH CONCERN OVER SOVIET INROADS IN MOROCCO WAS PROMINENTLY REFLECTED IN TWO PRESS ARTICLES MARCH 21. BOTH ARTICLES CITE REPORT THAT MOSCOW- RABAT FISHING ACCORD UNDER PREPARATION AND CALL ATTENTION TO CURRENT VISIT OF SOVIET MILITARY DEL IN MOROCCO.

2. LEAD ARTICLE IN ABC (MONARCHIST), WHICH HAS CLOSE CONNECTIONS IN MFA, CARRIED HEADLINE " RUSSIAN- MOROCCAN RAPPROCHEMENT SINCE ATTEMPT ON HASSAN' S LIFE AT KENITRA." ARTICLE POINTS OUT POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO, SUPPORT BY " PRAVDA" FOR MOROCCAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND INDICATIONS THAT MOROCCO WILL RECEIVE MODERN FISHING VESSELS AND FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOVIETS UNDER FISHING ACCORD NOW BEING PREPARED. ARTICLE ALSO SPECULATES ON PURPOSE OF SOVIET MILITARY DEL CURRENTLY IN MOROCCO, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL SOVIET BASE IN MOROCCO.

3. THE BUSINESS- ORIENTED DAILY INFORMACIONES CARRIED ARTICLE WHICH NOTES STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND MOROCCO IN MILITARY AND OTHER AREAS
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